IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 4661

DANILO PORRO Group Art Unit: 1636 MICHAEL SAUER

Examiner: Walter Schlapkohl

Attorney Docket: 2027.594096/RFE

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For: ASCORBIC ACID PRODUCTION FROM

YEAST CUSTOMER NO. 23720

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 22, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Serial No.: 10/606,302

Filed: June 25, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including December 22, 2006, in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006.

The Director is authorized to deduct the one-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 relating to the enclosed materials from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.594096RE.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON, P.C. CUSTOMER NO. 23720

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